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COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE A—UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA.—Reference was made in the last BULLETIN to the case of Professor Levine at the University of Montana. At the request of the President of the Association and the acting chairman of Committee A, Professor F. S. Deibler, of the Department of Economics in Northwestern University, visited Montana during the last week in March, and had conferences with Chancellor Elliott, President Sisson, Professor Levine, and other persons concerned in the matter. On April 8, the State Board of Education met and voted to reinstate Professor Levine, with full salary for the period of his suspension. The board at the same time voted to “approve the action of the Chancellor in suspending Dr. Levine.” A statement by Professor Deibler concerning the case will appear in the next issue of the BULLETIN.

COMMITTEE I—UNIVERSITY ETHICS.—The committee presents the following question and answer:

Question No. 1.—In July or August, 1918, S, a professor in a small college, was offered by W, who had just been made president of B University, a professorship in B University, and he accepted. President W was authorized by the Board of Trustees of B University to make contracts with teachers, but by a vote of one the Board refused to confirm Professor S's appointment, because he was born in Germany, instead of being, as President W had understood, an Alsatian, and because B University was passing through a critical period in which it was necessary to avoid all criticism. Before this refusal, Professor S, relying on a statement made to him over the telephone by President W, that the latter considered the matter of the appointment to B University as settled, had asked and obtained his release from College A, and learning of that fact, President W did nothing except to express regret and to ask the President of College A to take back Professor S. College A had already filled Professor S's place, but since the occurrence, Professor S, whose loyalty to the United States is vouched for, has accepted in another university as well paid a position as the one offered him at B University. In the opinion of the Committee on University Ethics, did Professor S suffer injustice, and who was responsible?

Answer No. 1.—In the judgment of the Committee, Professor S did suffer injustice. While the responsibility for the injustice rests in part on the Trustees of B University, who ought not to have entrusted authority to the President to make contracts unless they expected to carry them out, and in part on the President, in so far as he might have used greater diligence in ascertaining all relevant facts, and in so far as he failed to indicate to Professor S the limits upon his own appointing authority, it must be admitted that its chief causes were the suspicion and apprehension which naturally grew out of the war.

COMMITTEE P—PENSIONS AND INSURANCE.—Correspondence of the chairman of the Committee with President Pritchett is still in progress and will probably be published in the May BULLETIN. Not many institutions have yet announced any action accepting or rejecting the plan proposed. It is reported that at Yale University, where acceptance was reported earlier, the matter has been reopened at the request of the Faculty.

COMMITTEE V—APPARATUS FOR PRODUCTIVE SCHOLARSHIP.—The Chairman, Professor Teggart, is actively engaged in the prosecution of plans already announced, working at New York (958 University Avenue) in co-operation with the new Institute of International Education.

COMMITTEE X—ON GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.—The following recommendations of the President have been adopted by the Council:

1. The Committee as a whole shall consist of thirty members, but shall include a smaller Drafting Committee of seven or nine members. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to invite suggestions from all members of the Committee and to lay a provisional draft before the entire Committee for thorough discussion and possible amendment, before report is made to the Association. Provisional drafts of single sections, may if desired be laid before the whole Committee and such sections may be reported to the Association separately. In the preparation of the original draft of the report or of single sections, the Chairman need consult regularly only with members of the Drafting Committee.

2. The Drafting Committee shall be selected by the Chairman in consultation with the President and Secretary of the Association, out of the general committee of thirty.

3. Appointment to membership in the Committee shall be for a period of three years.

4. Former Presidents, and the Secretary, shall be *ex officio* members of the general committee.

5. A former President of the Association, to be chosen by the Council, shall be asked to serve as Chairman.

Ex-President Frank Thilly (Cornell) has been designated as chairman, and the list of members is in preparation.